

## SURROGATE CLERK W. V. LEARY RESIGNS

In Office 33 Years, at \$10,000  
a Year, He Quits When Meth-  
ods Are Criticized.

### LAWYERS HAD COMPLAINED

Did Not Dictate to Steno-  
grapher, Go Out to Lunch  
or Use Elevator.

William V. Leary, for thirty-three years chief clerk in the Surrogate's office and who has been drawing \$10,000 a year, while the Surrogates themselves got only \$15,000, turned in his resignation to Surrogate Fowler and Cohan yesterday when they intimated that his methods of doing business had become antiquated and were impeding the work of the office. Mr. Leary, who was appointed as an independent Democrat by Surrogate Rollins in 1881, accordingly relinquished, voluntarily, the highest paid clerkship in the State.

The Surrogates had called Chief Clerk Leary into their office to explain the reason for a number of letters written recently by lawyers having business with the office, in which the general complaint was made that orders left with the chief clerk for signature were not signed. The Surrogates explained to Mr. Leary that as he was 72 years old and they were both able to accomplish much more work than he could put before them with his ancient methods of doing business they could expedite the affairs of the office by making the work easier for him. "I resign," was Mr. Leary's only answer to the suggestion. He left the chambers of the Surrogates and went direct to his own office, where he wrote this letter to the Surrogates:

"I hereby resign at the close of this business day."

The Surrogates immediately accepted the resignation with regret. Before Mr. Leary was appointed chief clerk he was indictment clerk in the District Attorney's office when Surrogate Rollins was District Attorney. His associates said yesterday that he had never talked into a telephone and that he used to walk the five flights in the Hall of Records to the Surrogate's office rather than ride in an elevator. He never dictated to a stenographer, but wrote out all of his communications laboriously in longhand. He never went out to lunch, but was in his office from the time it opened in the morning until it closed in the afternoon. The two Surrogates will appoint the successor to Mr. Leary. Arthur T. O'Leary, Surrogate Cohan's secretary, who is temporarily doing the work of the chief clerk, is one of those mentioned, and others are Jacob Washburn, probate clerk; Anthony J. Barrett, law clerk; and William Ray Delano, assistant law clerk. Edward W. Boyette, deputy chief clerk, who would have been in line for promotion, has been on sick leave without pay for about a year.

### Brooklyn Gets Montclair Pastor.

The Rev. Frank W. Murtfeldt, assistant pastor of the First Congregational Church of Montclair, N. J., has accepted a call to the pastorate of St. Paul's Congregational Church in Brooklyn. He will take charge on September 1. He is a graduate of Harvard University and the Union Theological Seminary.

## MRS. FEROLA SENTENCED TO DIE; CRIES FOR DAUGHTER

Slayer of Carmelo Canestrone  
Collapses After Hearing  
Sentence.

Mrs. Madeline Ferola, who killed Carmelo Canestrone, who demanded \$400 before he would fulfill his promise to marry her, was yesterday sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing in the week of July 6. The sentence was imposed in the Supreme Court, Bronx, by Justice Davis, who consented to hear a motion for a new trial.

When Mrs. Ferola reached the court room she was pale and trembling. She had a white wadded cloth over her head. When asked if there was any reason why sentence should not be pronounced on her she replied:

"No." Then turning to Justice Davis she said: "I should like to see my little girl. I have not seen her since she gave testimony against me in the Coroner's court."

Justice Davis ordered that the little girl be sent for. He then imposed sentence.

When the Justice began to speak Mrs. Ferola sobbed convulsively. She continued to weep as she gave her pedigree and when she was led to a cell collapsed and required the attention of Matron Minnie Flaherty and a physician.

In the usual course an appeal will require almost a year, so the woman must wait in a death cell for that length of time, even if she should not get another trial.

Sheriff O'Brien of The Bronx had intended to let Mrs. Ferola stay in the county jail until the expiration of the ten days allowed after sentence before taking her to Sing Sing. He changed his mind, however, and made the trip to the State prison yesterday in an automobile, accompanied by Matron Flaherty.

## MAYOR BACKS PLAN FOR "BABY WEEK" IN JUNE

Invites Big Organizations to  
Join in Movement to  
Aid Infants.

One week in the first half of June is to be set down on the city calendar as "Baby Week." In an effort to be made to get everybody interested in the public and private agencies which care for babies in the summer months and are cooperating in the efforts to reduce infant mortality.

Health Commissioner Goldwater made this proposal, which Mayor Mitchell enthusiastically accepted. The Mayor is to be honorary president of an organization that is being formed to direct the activities of the week. He has invited these bodies to be represented on the executive committee: Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association, Advertising Men's League, Federation of Churches, Federation of Women's Clubs, Conference of Charities and Correction, Association of Catholic Charities and the Board of Jewish Managers.

In a letter sent to each of these organizations yesterday, Mr. Mitchell pointed out that in the past seven years the average death rate of infants under the age of 1 year had decreased from 13.8 per 1,000 to 10.1. He said a still lower rate was attainable. The executive committee will meet in Dr. Goldwater's office, 145 Centre street, at 10:30 o'clock on Friday morning.

## GULF PIRATES SEIZE SHIP.

Crew of Sponge Schooner Say They  
Were Robbed and Set Adrift.

TAMPA, Fla., May 26.—Capt. Michel and the crew of sixteen of the fifty-ton schooner Edna Louise of the Tarpon Springs Greek sponge fleet arrived here to-day in a skiff and told the story of how some twenty-five men in a steam launch which bore the name of her home port, Key West, but with her own name carefully covered, came upon the schooner as she lay at anchor over the sponge grounds Saturday afternoon and with pistols and guns boarded the Edna Louise, robbed her men and forced them into a yawl boat, ordering them to leave.

After they left the pirates set the schooner afire and she burned and sank. The Federal authorities will investigate. It is the second destruction of a vessel of the Tarpon Springs fleet the past four days. On Friday afternoon in Key West harbor the schooner Amelia was boarded, according to the story of her captain Harry Bell, and one man, a Greek named Mannis, was killed.

Invasion of the Key West sponge grounds in the gulf by the Greek manned boats of the Tarpon Springs fleet is supposed to be the cause of the trouble.

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